

**Yakima River / Hanford Reach
Salmon Reports and Ringold Steelhead Reports**

Hanford Reach Sport Fishery Update: September 19-25

The number of anglers fishing for fall chinook in the Hanford Reach area rose from 6,718 anglers to 9,943 anglers this past week. Boat counts ranged from 386 to 854 boats per day. Boats continued to average a chinook per boat (16.5 angler hours per fish). Best fishing was in the Ringold area at 1.7 chinook per boat. Both Vernita and Snyder averaged 0.9 chinook per boat.

WDFW staff interviewed anglers from 1,120 boats (2,781 boat anglers) and 121 bank anglers (Ringold access area) with a harvest of 1,027 adult chinook and 65 jacks. An estimated 3,573 adult chinook and 225 jacks were harvested this past week.

Through September 25, 7,350 adult chinook, 582 chinook jacks, and 10 coho have been harvested in the Hanford Reach from 23,993 angler trips.

The numbers of fall chinook moving upstream through the McNary fish ladders has begun to drop off. The current in-season update for the Hanford Reach natural origin (wild) fall chinook is 127,378 well below the forecast but still a strong return. In-season updates will be calculated weekly through mid-October.